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Honorable Vera M. Scanlon  
United States Magistrate Judge, USDC  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East  
Brooklyn, New York 11201  
Via ECF

Re: *Bey v. Rubin & Rothman, LLC*  
12-CV-03790

Dear Magistrate Judge Scanlon:

I am counsel for the Defendant named in the above-entitled action. I am corresponding in regard to the initial conference ordered by Your Honor to occur on February 26, 2013 at 2:45 PM. Please be advised that I am presently in California and will not return to New York until mid-March, partly due to a serious car accident I was involved in which occurred on Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, I request that Your Honor allow me to appear telephonically at the initial conference. Of course, if Your Honor is inclined not to grant my request, then another attorney will file a notice of appearance on behalf of the Defendant for the purpose of appearing in person at the initial conference.

Respectfully submitted,

/ s / *Robert L. Arleo*

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RLA:gra  
cc: All counsel of record via ECF

